

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 12 - 19 were at issue. Claims 16 - 19 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Accordingly, Claims 1, 2 and 12 - 15 are at issue in the present Office Action.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2 and 12 - 15. Claims 1, 2 and 12, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1, 2 and 12 - 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

I. Claims 1 and 2 Comply With The Written Description Requirement

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Applicants respectfully disagree. Nevertheless, without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection, but to further the prosecution, and hereby expressly reserving the right to prosecute the original (or similar) claims, Applicants have amended the claims to further define one embodiment of the invention. Thus, the Applicants have amended Claim 1 and, therefore, dependent Claim 2. The amended claims are in a now in a form ready for allowance.

2. Claims 12, 14 and 15 Comply With The Written Description Requirement

The Examiner has rejected Claims 12, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Applicants respectfully disagree. Nevertheless, without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection, but to further the prosecution, and hereby expressly reserving the right to prosecute the original (or similar) claims, Applicants have amended the claims to further define one embodiment of the invention. Thus, the Applicants have amended Claim 12 and, therefore, dependent Claims 14 and 15. The amended claims are in a now in a form ready for allowance.

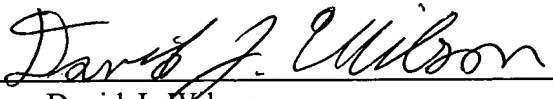
3. Claims 1, 2 and 12 - 15 Comply With The Enablement Requirement

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2 and 12 - 15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. In view of the fact that the Claims have been amended as described above, it is believed that this rejection is moot.

4. Conclusion

The Applicants believe that the amendments and arguments set forth herein transverse the Examiners rejections and, therefore, request that these grounds for rejection be withdrawn. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application the Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect.

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